

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02093-APM**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/10/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/10/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5151522) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons HUD)(France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/10/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (jd) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(jd) (Entered: 10/10/2017)

10/24/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/19/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/18/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT served on 10/18/2017, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/17/2017. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
10/27/2017	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 10/27/2017)
10/27/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Cerissa Cafasso on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/27/2017)
11/20/2017	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.(Walker, Johnny) Modified to add link on 11/21/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 11/20/2017)
11/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before December 11, 2017. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/20/2017. (lcapm2) (Entered: 11/20/2017)
11/20/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/11/2017. (zcdw) (Entered: 11/22/2017)
12/11/2017	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 12/11/2017)
12/12/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before February 9, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/12/2017. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/12/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/9/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/13/2017)
02/09/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before April 10, 2018, that updates the court on their progress regarding search and production and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/9/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/10/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/12/2018)
04/10/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report, on or before June 11, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/10/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 04/10/2018)

04/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/11/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before July 2, 2018, that updates the court on their progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/12/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/2/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
07/02/2018	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Submit a Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>12</u> Consent Motion for an Extension of Time. The Joint Status Report previously due on July 2, 2018, is now due on or before July 13, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/3/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/13/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/12/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report on or before September 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/13/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/7/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
09/07/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before November 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/10/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		ENTERED IN ERROR.....MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before January 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/29/2018. (lcapm2) Modified on 11/29/2018 (zjd). (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Minute Order filed 11/29/2018 was entered in error. (zjd) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
12/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report on or before February 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/13/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
02/14/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. No later than March 18, 2019, the parties shall advise the court whether summary judgment briefing will be required in this matter and, if so, propose a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/19/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/18/2019.(zjd) (Entered: 03/07/2019)

03/18/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 03/18/2019)
03/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report no later than April 5, 2019, which advises whether further litigation will be required in this matter and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/18/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 03/18/2019)
03/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report no later than April 24, 2019, which advises whether further litigation will be required in this matter and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/9/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/24/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 04/09/2019)